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Bottom Line:

Settle with Microsoft and let them proceed with making better and improved software for the consumer.

Discussion:

As a retired electrical engineer, I have been a computer user in the last 12 years. Admittedly, I am a dumb computer user. I am good at word processing, but if I have to delve into the operating system, I am lost. So it's a good thing the consumer has one operating system to work with.

I believe that a "standard" operating system is best for the consumer. Microsoft continues to improve their product and the price is not exorbitant. Considering what the software does, it's a bargain.

I can't imagine what the computer business would be like if there were X number of operating systems. Every application would have to be compatible with each operating system. It would be a mess. Sure it's competition, but has Microsoft raised their prices to hurt the consumer? I don't think so.

Forcing Microsoft to disclose Windows source code is NOT FAIR to any company. Are companies willing to give away their proprietary information? Probably not!

THE CONSUMER HAS NOT BEEN HURT BY MICROSOFT! THEY HAVE MADE COMPUTERS AVAILABLE TO ALL OF AMERICA!

Thanks for considering my opinion.

Howard King

P.S. I am a Corel Word Perfect (competitor to Microsoft Word) user, but it is based on the Microsoft's operating system. Windows is great!